

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

Comment Sought on Choctaw-MC/LM)	
Assignment and Second Thursday Request)	
)	
Application to Assign Licenses from)	WT Docket No. 13-85
Maritime Communications /Land Mobile,)	
LLC Debtor-in Possession, To Choctaw)	
Holdings, LLC)	
(FCC File No. 0005552500))	

REPLY OF SHENANDOAH VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative ("SVEC"), by its attorneys, hereby submits the following Reply in the above-referenced proceeding in response to the Replies to Comments, and Procedural Objections by SkyTel-1 Entities ("SkyTel ") in which SkyTel opposed SVEC pending applications to lease and assign certain spectrum from Maritime Communications/Land Mobile, LLC ("MCLM").¹

As noted in its Comments, SVEC is an electric cooperative which provides electric service to more than 92,000 places in its rural Virginia service area. SVEC currently leases spectrum from MCLM (Call Sign WQGF315) which the cooperative actively uses in its service area for operational purposes from various sites. Loss of spectrum would cripple, if not eliminate, all communication between office and field for purpose of outage restoration,

¹ Replies to Comments, and Procedural Objections -- by SkyTel-1 Entities at 4, 7.

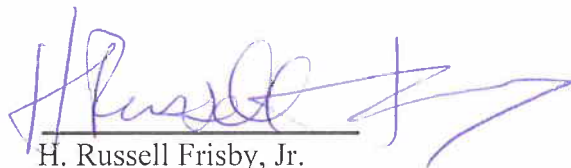
operation and maintenance of distribution system, and provision of basic consumer service field operations.²

Throughout its Replies, SkyTel has belittled the critical role that Critical Infrastructure Industry ("CII") entities such as SVEC play and the importance of spectrum in the provision of their CII services. SkyTel's arguments are without basis and should be rejected.

Instead, the Commission should accept the recommendation of the majority of those parties which commented on the issue and approve the SVEC applications.³ As noted by the Utilities Telecom Council ("UTC") grant of the pending assignment applications "would clear the way for utilities to gain access to much needed spectrum to upgrade their current systems and comply with changing requirements and expectations for the industry, thereby promoting overarching public interest in reliable, affordable and secure power."⁴

Consequently, SVEC urges the Comments to reject SkyTel's arguments and grant the SVEC applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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² Comments of the Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative at 2.

³ See e.g. Reply Comments and Opposition to Petitions to Deny of Choctaw Telecommunications LLC and Choctaw Holdings LLC at 34; Reply Comments and Opposition to Petitions of Maritime Communications/Land Mobile, LLC at 7.

⁴ Reply Comments of the Utilities Telecom Council at 3.

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